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Title of the Invention: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING
AND/OR BONE INDUCING ACTIVITY

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 27, 2003
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Dear Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2002, Applicants request entry of the amendments below and reconsideration of the application.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 27 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Twice Amended) A process for the production of an implant material according to claim 28, the process comprising applying the MP52 protein in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix as a solution in a solvent such that a homogeneous distribution of the MP52 protein in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix is achieved.